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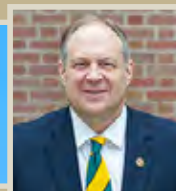
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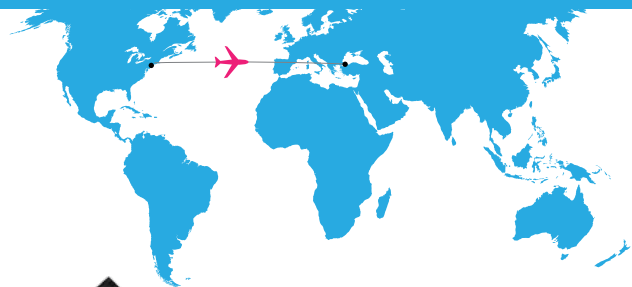
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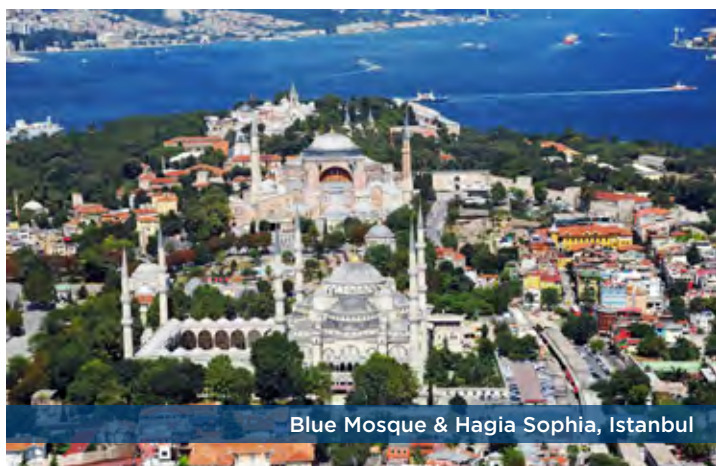




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Blue Mosque & Hagia Sophia, Istanbul

Tour Itinerary:

Jan 7 Sat Depart Chicago – Fly to Istanbul

Jan 8 Sun Arrive Istanbul Airport

Our tour guide will meet us at the Istanbul Airport with a “WLC – TUTKU” sign. Meet and transfer to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

HONG KONG PEOPLE will have a “half-day” guided tour until hotel check-in time of 1 pm. (D)

Jan 9 Mon Istanbul

We will start at the **Hippodrome** and see the monuments on its spina. Nearby is the historic **Blue Mosque**. After briefly stopping at the Golden Mile of the Egnatian Way, we will visit the magnificent **Hagia Sophia**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. From there we will visit the historic **Hagia Irene Church**. Afterward we will walk to Istanbul's **Archaeological Museum**, one of the most celebrated collections in the world. Among its treasures are the Siloam inscription, the Gezer calendar, and the Thanatos inscription from Jerusalem's temple mount. Dinner and overnight in Istanbul. (B,D)

Jan 10 Tue Transfer for flight to Adana – Tarsus – Adana

Early morning flight to Adana airport. We begin with site visits in Tarsus, the home of the apostle Paul. There we will visit the Roman baths and see the ancient bridge over the Cydnus River. We will next visit the Cardo Maximus street of the Roman city and then Donuktaş, one of the largest temples of the ancient world. After lunch we will drive to Adana to walk across the Sarus River on the Roman bridge and visit the Adana Archaeology Museum. Dinner and overnight in Adana. (B,D)



Laodicea

Jan 11 Wed Cilician Gates – Derbe – Lystra – Iconium – Konya

We first pass through the Cilician Gates in the Taurus Mountains and then continue to Derbe, visited three times by Paul (Acts 14:20). We continue to Lystra, the home of Timothy. After a short drive to Iconium, we will first visit the ancient acropolis in Konya's city center and then visit the archaeological museum and its important inscriptions mentioning Iconium, Lystra, and Derbe. Dinner and overnight in Konya. (B,D)

Jan 12 Thu Pisidian Antioch – Antalya

We will depart early for Yalvaç, the site of the Roman colony of Pisidian Antioch. Paul's first recorded sermon in Acts 13 addressed the congregation of Jews and Godfearers in the synagogue. We will also visit the St. Paul Room in the Yalvaç Museum. Then we will make a scenic drive through the Pisidian lake country before descending through the Taurus Mountains to the plain of Pamphylia. Dinner and overnight in Antalya. (B,D)

Jan 13 Fri Perga – Attalia – Antalya

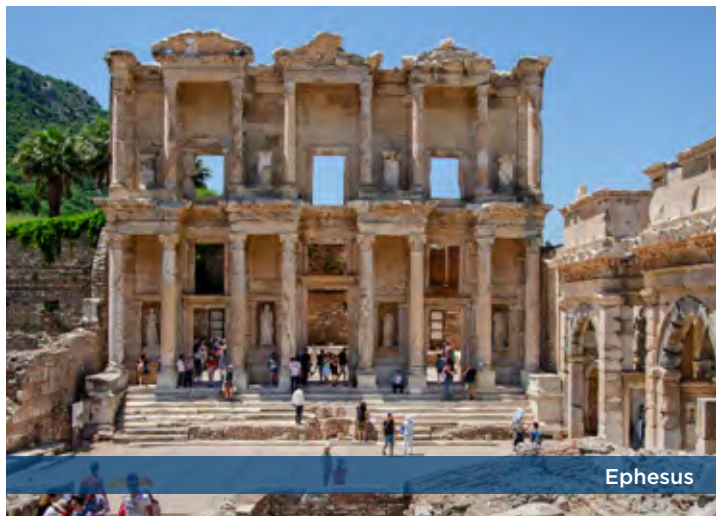
We will begin in Perga, a city visited by Paul and Barnabas on their first journey (Acts 13:13-14). There we will see its well-preserved stadium and colonnaded street divided by a water channel. Returning to Antalya, we will see Hadrian's Gate and the Roman mausoleum of ancient Attalia. After lunch at the St. Paul Cultural Center, we will visit Antalya's renowned archaeological museum. Later in the afternoon we will take a boat ride from the port that Paul and Barnabas sailed from at the end of the first journey (Acts 14:26). Dinner and overnight in Antalya. (B,D)

Jan 14 Sat Colossae – Laodicea – Pamukkale

We will then drive inland again over the Taurus Mountains to the unexcavated site of Colossae in the foothills of Mount Honaz. Paul wrote the letters of Colossians and Philemon to Christians in that community. Then we will visit nearby Laodicea, one of the Seven Churches of Revelation (Rev. 3:14-22) and the recipient of a letter from Paul (Col. 4:13-16). Dinner and overnight in Pamukkale. (B,D)

Jan 15 Sun Hierapolis – Tralles – Magnesia – Kuşadası

At Hierapolis we will walk through its extensive necropolis, then viewing its well-preserved theater as well as Philip's Martyrium and basilica (Col. 4:13). Traveling westward down the fertile Meander Valley, we will visit the archaeological museum at Aydın, ancient Tralles, and then Magnesia on the Meander. These cities had churches later addressed by Ignatius in the early second century A.D. Dinner and overnight in Kuşadası. (B,D)



Jan 16 Mon Miletus – Didyma – Priene – Kuşadası

We will visit Miletus with its four harbors and well-preserved theater originally built in the Hellenistic period and expanded in Roman times. Paul made a farewell speech here to the elders of Ephesus on the return leg of his third missionary journey (Acts 20:17-35). We will also visit briefly its small but informative archaeological museum. We will then visit Didyma, home to the Temple of Apollo, one of Turkey's best-preserved ancient temples. After lunch we will drive to Priene, the best-preserved Hellenistic city in Turkey. We will visit the Jewish synagogue there. Return to Kuşadası for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

Jan 17 Tue Ephesus – Ephesus Museum – St. John's Basilica – Izmir

We will visit the impressive biblical site of Ephesus. We will take a walking tour starting in the upper city at the State Agora, proceeding downward to the iconic Library of Celsus and Tetragonos Agora. We will make a slight detour to see the exquisite terrace houses, where the rich and famous citizens of Ephesus lived. Our city tour ends at the theater where 24,000 citizens shouted "Great is Artemis!" in a riot started in response to Paul's ministry there (Acts 19:1-20:1). We will stop briefly to view the remains of the Artemis Temple, one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. In the afternoon we will visit the Church of St. John, where tradition holds that the apostle was buried. Nearby is the Ephesus Museum, housing important artifacts from Ephesus. Dinner & overnight in İzmir. (B,D)

Jan 18 Wed Smyrna - Pergamum – Assos

After breakfast we will visit the Smyrna agora. Then we will leave for **Bergama**, which is the site of ancient **Pergamum**, one of the Seven Churches of Revelation. We will visit the **acropolis** there and see the impressive **theater**, the **Temple of Athena**, and the **Asklepion**. We will continue to **Assos** for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

Jan 19 Thu Assos - Alexander Troas – Troy - Bursa

We will walk on the Roman road near Assos and then continue to Alexandrian Troas. We will visit the ruins of ancient Troy, viewing its museum as well. We will continue to Bursa for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

Jan 20 Fri Nicaea - Istanbul

We will visit Iznik, site of the Council of Nicaea. We will drive through ancient Chalcedon and then spend the remainder of the day in Istanbul, perhaps visiting Topkapi Palace and the Grand Bazaar. HONG KONG PEOPLE will continue to ISTANBUL AIRPORT after dinner for departing flight. CHICAGO PEOPLE will have dinner and spend the overnight in Istanbul. (B,D)

Jan 21 Sat Transfer to Istanbul Airport (ADB) for flight back to the USA

LAND & AIR

\$4,190 Per Person in Double Room

\$750 Single Room Supplement

TOUR INCLUDES

- Roundtrip international flights between Chicago – Istanbul
- Domestic flight Istanbul – Adana
- 2 nights at **GRAND HALIC HOTEL** in Istanbul or similar
- 1 night at **RAMADA HOTEL** in Adana or similar
- 1 night at **DEDEMAN KONYA HOTEL** in Konya or similar
- 2 nights at **BEST WESTERN KHAN HOTEL** in Antalya or similar
- 1 night at **DOGA THERMAL HEALTH & SPA** in Pamukkale or similar
- 2 nights at **MARINA SUITES HOTEL** in Kusadasi or similar
- 1 night at **KORDON CANKAYA HOTEL** in Izmir or similar
- 1 night at **EDEN GARDENS HOTEL** in Assos or similar
- 1 night at **TIARA HOTEL** in Bursa or similar
- 1 night at **GRAND HALIC HOTEL** in Istanbul or similar
- Sightseeing as per the itinerary
- Daily open buffet breakfasts at the hotels (B: Breakfast)
- 13 dinners at the hotels (D: Dinner)
- All transfers and transportation by private bus with A/C
- English-speaking, government-licensed, Bible-oriented professional tour guide throughout
- All entry fees to the sites & museums
- Tips to the hotel and restaurant staff
- Service charges & local taxes
- Headsets
- Tips to the tour guide and driver

TOUR EXCLUDES

- Lunches and all drinks
- Turkish Visa fee to be obtained online before arrival www.evisa.gov.tr
- Travel and health insurance, and any other item not listed above

PAYMENT PROCEDURE

- **Deposit: \$200 per person by September 16, 2022**
- **Full Payment on November 1, 2022**

For payment, you can click and fill in the secure form at our website (Visa or Mastercard only) <https://tutku.travel/payment>

Cancellation Penalty:

- 120-90 days prior to departure: No Penalty
- 89-60 days prior to departure : No Penalty
- 59-45 days prior to departure : 20%
- 44-30 days prior to departure : 50%
- 29-15 days prior to departure : 75%
- 14 days & after : No refund

A Study Tour

The schedule of this Study Tour is designed for students and anticipates strenuous days. The itinerary maximizes time spent at sites, with limited shopping and free time. All applicants must be in good health and be capable of walking significant distances, sometimes on uneven and narrow trails, without assistance (*extensive stairclimbing will also be a part of the tour*). Priority will be given to student applicants from the host institutions. Other travelers will be admitted as space is available.

REGISTRATION FORM*

Name as it appears on the passport (First, Middle, Last)

Name : _____

Title : _____ Preferred Name: _____

Mr. Mrs. Ms. Rev. Dr. _____ If different than above

Street Address: _____

PO Box: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ / _____

Cell Phone: _____ / _____

Email Address: _____

Age: _____ Citizenship: _____

Birth Date: ____ / ____ / ____ Passport Number: _____
Month/Day/Year

Passport Expiration Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Phone Number : _____ Relationship: _____

PLEASE CHECK ITEMS BELOW AS APPROPRIATE:

☐ I WANT 1 DOUBLE ROOM.

Name of Your Roommate (as on passport): _____

☐ Please assign me a roommate.

☐ I WANT 1 SINGLE ROOM



Miletus Theater

* Please mail the completed registration form to Steve Geiger c/o Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, 11831 N. Seminary Drive, Mequon, WI 53092. Or you may email all of the information above to Steve.Geiger@wisluthsem.org. **Please note that payment, along with an additional submission of registration information, is to be made directly to Tutku Tours.**

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